



# Ripponden J&I News

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Dear parents/carers,

Well, we are straight back into the summer term, and we have certainly had the weather to match! Please make sure that when the weather forecast is for warm weather, that the children come to school with sun cream applied, a hat and a water bottle. Also, knowing the great British weather, it would be advisable to send a coat – the weather can turn quickly!!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Active Easter Family Challenge. We had some incredible pictures shared of some fantastic activities you got up to! I have included a selection of photos below and we are busy getting them together to put on display.

We have another Bank Holiday on Monday, so don't forget school is closed – a nice long weekend!

The summer term is when we complete assessments for the end of year. These are all throughout the summer term, so I would urge you to ensure your children are in school every day, so as not to miss these. As you know, the regulations around authorising holidays have changed and I will not be able to authorise any holidays and penalty notices may be issued for periods of unauthorised absence. I am sure you understand the link between regular attendance and attainment and ultimately that's what we all want for our children; to achieve as best they can.

Have a lovely long weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "V Bamforth".

Headteacher

## PTFA Update

A huge thank you to our very dedicated PTFA who, while small in number, hugely make up for it in enthusiasm, ideas and willingness to support our school and our children.

This year alone, they have bought many resources to support our curriculum, especially in science, where they have supported the development of this core subject with enough practical, hands on equipment for all children to really investigate and experiment.

There is no secret that school budgets are very tight and schools up and down the country are struggling to make ends meet. This is where the funds from the PTFA are so vital. They allow us to continue to offer a high-quality provision where the budgets struggle.

The Mother's Day Secret Shop was a huge success, raising £416 profit, this is fantastic! The PTFA have offered each class £100 to spend on resources for the summer term. There are other events coming up in this summer term, including Father's Day Secret Shop and a huge end of year raffle – watch this space! If you can help in any way, please get in touch.



### Netball Tournament

Last Wednesday we took two teams to the annual netball tournament at Ryburn. Each team was in a different group. Red team won 1 match and lost 2. Blue team won all 3 of their matches. The teams were then put into a final match against the team in the same position from the opposite group. Both teams won their final matches which meant that Blue Team were the champions of the tournament! All of the children played brilliantly and have progressed so much in just a few months. Well done to you all!



### Saplings' Outdoor Area

Saplings have been enjoying their new outdoor area since coming back after Easter. They are very lucky to have lots of areas to play in and explore and it has been the perfect weather for it! A big thank you to Miss Wisniewski with Mrs Fearnley for putting it together for the children.

## Exciting Inclusion Developments

As you know, we are passionate about meeting the needs of all our children, regardless of their starting point and needs. We are working really hard on an inclusion strategy and have some exciting plans in the pipeline.

To support this, we are pleased to congratulate our very own Miss Sladdin who has been promoted to Inclusion Support Assistant within our school. This is a huge step for our school as it is a new role created to support children with additional needs. Miss Sladdin will be in charge of running lots of clubs and interventions to support children from Early Years-KS2.

The first initiative that she has got started with immediately has been our new gardening club! The children have got stuck in de-weeding, digging and planting vegetables towards our Healthy Schools Award. This is going to be amazing, and we are excited to see the progress!




## Daily Mile Medals

Well done to our Silver Medal Winners!  
A fantastic 50 miles around our track.



## Break The Rules Day

Thank you to everyone who broke the rules the day before Easter. We raised a fantastic £344.80. We will be using this money to support the Healthy School initiative and will be growing our own crops to then make food across the curriculum. Thank you everyone!



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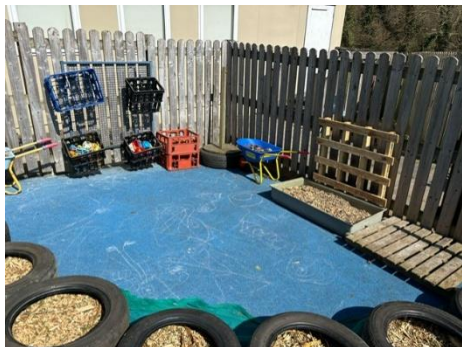
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## Little Acorns' Outdoor Revamp

Little Acorns are very grateful to Danielle Devanny who came in over the Easter holidays and made some fantastic improvements to our outdoor area. Danielle is a very experienced Early Years teacher who has now set up her own consultancy supporting Early Years settings. We were very happy to accept her offer of being her guinea pigs! Thank you, Danielle!

You can find out more about Danielle here: <https://earlyyearslevate.com/>



### Timeline winners

You will recall that we had some eras which didn't have entries for our timeline challenge and so we extended the deadline. We had another fantastic response and today presented the winners with their certificates. The timeline is coming on beautifully and will be a fantastic legacy when it is finished.



Era	Winner(s)	Class
The Bronze Age	Maisie S	Chestnuts
The Iron Age	Isla B	Chestnuts
Islamic Golden Age	Patrick A	Redwoods
Magna Carter	Maisie S	Chestnuts
Ripponden Bridge	Isla B-C	Maples
English Civil War	Sebastian B	Redwoods
Industrial Revolution	William J	Saplings
Victorian Period	Maisie S	Chestnuts
World War II	Daniella P	Maples
Digital Age	Chloe S Charlotte C	Maples Willows
Ripponden School	Seren A Grace W	Great Oaks Maples
King Charles III	Elsie M	Great Oaks
Ascent of Man	Magnus G	Willows



### Busy Bees at Half Term

The programme for Busy Bees at half term is called 'It's a Bug's Life!' and is a mix of outdoor and creative activities.

Busy Bees is open to everyone, whether you usually attend Busy Bees or indeed Ripponden School – so please spread the word! Busy Bees provides excellent value for money in the school holidays and has additional benefits such as sibling and full-week discounts. Book on the app for Ripponden children and via email – [office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@ripponden.calderdale.sch.uk) for non-Ripponden children.

## It's a Bug's Life!

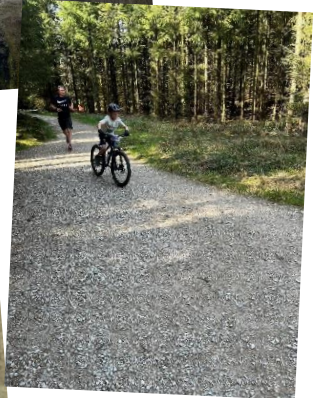
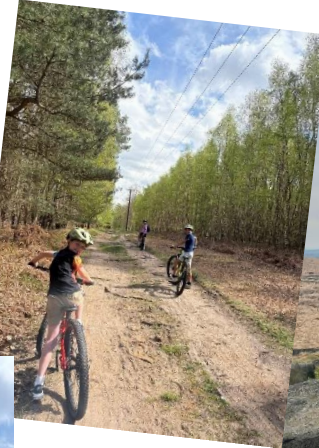
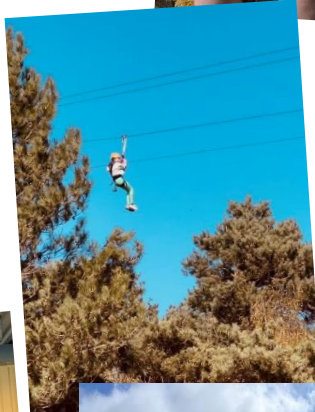
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May Breakfast served between 8-9am
<b>DIRT CUP CAKES</b> 	<b>POTATO MASHER LADYBUGS</b> 	<b>MAKING BUG EYES</b> 	<b>MAKING A WILD BEE HOTEL</b> 
<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch	<b>Lunch 12-1pm</b> Please bring a packed lunch
<b>BUG YOGA</b> 	<b>INSECTS IN JELLY</b> 	<b>INSECT HUNT</b> <b>Insect SCAVENGER HUNT</b> 	<b>FOOTPRINT BUTTERFLIES</b> 
Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm	Snack between 3.30-4.30pm

### Year 5/6 Football Match – by Hannah G in Maples

On the 24<sup>th</sup> April, the Year five and six girls football team played Luddenden Foot and won 3-4! It was a tight game in the second half. The first half Rori score two goals! In the second half Luddenden Foot made a comeback of 2-4 to us! Everyone tried their hardest and even Alisa who was in Year 6 (who used to come to our school) was there. We are the champions!

### Easter Active Family Challenge

Have a look at the selection of photographs from our active families at Easter!



## **Calderdale Funding supports better access to Calderdale schools**

Calderdale schools are set to benefit from funding to support safer, active journeys for pupils, parents and staff.

Calderdale Council has secured £900,000 from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority as part of Active Travel England funding to improve routes and access to schools.

Five schools across the borough will benefit from the funding, which will be used to develop and deliver improvements to crossings and junctions around the schools to make walking, wheeling and cycling easier and safer.

Work will include new road layouts, wider pavements, safer crossing facilities as well as landscaping improvements to support sustainable drainage.

**Ripponden Junior and Infant School** – Including the upgrade of the existing crossing to a signal-controlled version, with wider pavements to allow more space for people crossing.

The improvements will help to build a safe, healthy and attractive environment for people of all ages to walk, wheel and cycle as part of their journey to and from school. Work is due to take place in summer 2025.

### ***Diary Dates***

***Lots of dates will be added regularly – keep an eye on the diary dates section! We will add more detail in the coming weeks.***

#### **May**

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School closed – Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Maples Trip to Jorvik and Barley Hall, York Y6 Kwik Cricket AM
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Day Local Offer Meeting – 3.25pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning - 8.40am
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Savile Park to visit Maples
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm Close for half term
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup>	Busy Bees open Tuesday – Friday

#### **June**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School reopens Y4 MTC Week
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Secret Shop R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Week Y4 MTC Week Y1 Phonics Week

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Sports Day Open Minds Workshop for Redwoods
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor athletics
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Saplings & Great Oaks trip to Temple Newsham KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
W/C 16 <sup>th</sup>	Redwoods on Residential to Langdale all week
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Minds Workshops for Great Oaks and Willows
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Minds Workshop for Chestnuts and Willows
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs Year 2 football
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Musical Soiree – 6pm
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Teddy Bear's Picnic KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm

## July

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Chestnuts & Willows trip to Murton Park
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day R/KS1 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm Clubs finish for the summer
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Rock Steady Concert PTFA Raffle Draw Open Minds Workshop for Maples & Redwoods
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	SATs results
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to go out KS2 Celebration Assembly – 2.45pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Production 2pm & 6pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for the summer

### **2024/2025 Calendar of main events**

This is a summary of main events. Please keep looking at the half-termly diary dates section on the newsletter, as they get updated regularly



#### **Ripponden J&I School**

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	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
1				
2	Parent Coffee Morning	R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	School reopens	
3				
4	Break the Rules Day Close for Easter			Clubs finish for summer Transition Day – TBC R/KS1 Celebration Assembly
5		<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		
6			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
7				Rock Steady Concert
8				
9		KS2 Celebration Assembly	Sports Week	
10			Sports Day	
11				KS2 Celebration Assembly Reports Out
12		Y6 SATs Week		
13			KS2 Celebration Assembly Year 1 & 2 Trip to Temple Newsham KS2 Celebration Assembly	
14				
15				
16		R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	Y6 Residential all week	Year 6 Production
17				
18				School closes for summer
19				
20			R/KS1 Celebration Assembly	
21	<b>BANK HOLIDAY - EASTER</b>			
22	School reopens	Savile Park to Visit Maples		
23		KS2 Celebration Assembly Close for half term		
24				
25			Class Photographs	
26			Musical Soiree 6pm	
27			KS2 Celebration Assembly	
28	Clubs restart			
29				
30				
31				